

BOROUGH OF DELAWARE WATER GAP

VILLAGE STUDY

COMMUNITY VISIONING RESPONSES

<i>Question #1: Currently, what do you like most about Delaware Water Gap Borough?</i>		
Group 1 Responses		# of Votes
1	Proximity to National Park	4
2	Small town/sense of community	7*
3	The way the community takes care of each other	2
4	The size of the town	0
5	Artistic culture	5
6	Accessible yet isolated from NY, NJ, and Stroudsburg	8*
7	Inspiring	1
8	Picturesque	2
9	Affordable to live here	1
10	Proximity to trails	0
11	Historical nature of the town	9*
12	Lovely people	1
Group 2 Responses		# of Votes
1	Close knit community	2
2	Well organized/community minded	1
3	Big variety of small businesses for a small town	2
4	History of town	5
5	Location - vicinity to parks and Appalachian Trail	2
6	Secluded, avant-garde type town	0
7	Creatively energized community	5
8	Natural beauty/scenery	9*
9	Park-like setting	1
10	Small town lifestyle with big time opportunities in outstanding location creates best kept secret in the Poconos	10*
11	Short commute/access to I-80	0
12	Warm, friendly, affordable	6*
13	World class jazz talent	3
Group 3 Responses		# of Votes
1	Scenery	0
2	Small town feel - people know one another and care	2
3	Deer Head Inn	7*
4	Potential of Castle Inn	7*
5	Location - accessibility to urban areas but still remote	3
6	Proximity to river and National Park	4
7	Proximity to outdoor amenities	2
8	Smart, friendly people	1
9	Musical culture and artistic culture	9*

Question #2: Currently, what do you like least about Delaware Water Gap Borough?

Group 1 Responses		# of Votes
1	Lack of safe pedestrian accessways	5
2	Lack of businesses	6*
3	Inadequate signage for businesses	0
4	Lack of development (commercial)	2
5	Lack of tax base for infrastructure development	2
6	"Eyesores" on Main Street	11*
7	Lack of police presence	7
8	Lack of commercial parking	0
9	Lack of investors	2
10	Hostile attitude toward new/existing businesses from Council	10*
Group 2 Responses		# of Votes
1	Lack of businesses, unclear if businesses are open/when open	3
2	Sidewalks uneven, difficult to navigate	5*
3	More and better signage for businesses	10*
4	Crime getting worse	5*
5	Lack of parking	4
6	Lack of curb appeal along Main Street	6*
7	Not a "destination" area	1
8	Lack of identity	2
9	Lack of visibility/access	1
10	Diminished private residential ownership	4
11	Inability to balance small town lifestyle with thriving business community	2
12	High speed traffic	0
13	Not enough traffic to support businesses to draw traffic	4
Group 3 Responses		# of Votes
1	Personal influence of Council members on commerce (commercial uses)	2
2	Main Street	3
3	Lack of walkability on Broad Street	1
4	Lack of law enforcement	2
5	Discouragement of businesses on Main Street	7*
6	Lack of shopping options	2
7	Overabundance of street signs (i.e. no parking signs, etc.)	1
8	Lack of commercial parking	3
9	Laird property vacancy	5*
10	Rundown residential properties	8*

Question #3: What would you want to preserve/maintain about/in Delaware Water Gap Borough for the future?

Group 1 Responses		# of Votes
1	Our history/landmarks	8*
2	Quietness of the town	1
3	Maintain small town sense of community while encouraging development	11*
4	Preserve the culturally diverse community (food, music, art, nature)	9*
5	Trees	3
6	Spirit of the community	0
7	The Jazz Festival (i.e. the festivals we already have to celebrate community and bring people to town)	8*
Group 2 Responses		# of Votes
1	Sense of history	0
2	Small town feel	0
3	Small town character with blend of businesses and arts	13*
4	Beautiful small town residential community	2
5	Entrepreneurs, businesses that enhance the character of the community	5
6	Main Street itself	3
7	Natural areas	3
8	Natural beauty	4
9	History of town	0
10	Historical essence of town	7*
11	Community spirit	6*
12	Architecture and historic architecture	5
Group 3 Responses		# of Votes
1	Ice cream shop	3
2	Historic feel of the Borough	6*
3	Encourage small town commercial uses	0
4	Appreciation of existing businesses	2
5	Continued support of artistic venues and events	5
6	Preservation of quality people and establishments	7*
7	Preservation of hotels and eateries	2
8	Small town feel	1
9	Trolley	2
10	Preserve connections to river, trails, and parks	8*

Question #4: What would you want to change about/in Delaware Water Gap Borough for the future?

Group 1 Responses		# of Votes
1	See the town be less resistant to change and more business friendly	0
2	Repair/replace sidewalks	5
3	Aggressively pursue the "right" businesses and provide incentives to bring them to town	7*
4	Want Council to be open-minded to new ideas	2
5	See the town be more open to new ideas	0
6	Remove attitudinal and zoning impediments to small businesses	7*
7	Park for our kids	0
8	Need more parking	1
9	Not use parking problem as an excuse to limit business	2
10	Bring back park, pool, and basketball court for kids	2
11	Need to celebrate more	1
12	Define maintenance of public/private areas (i.e. sidewalks)	3
13	Better enforcement of existing traffic regulations (i.e. speeding, running lights)	6*
14	Peace	0
Group 2 Responses		# of Votes
1	More of a destination for people to seek out	1
2	More open stores, restaurants	2
3	Market/highlight natural areas and other opportunities the Borough provides	4
4	Preserve architecture, natural beauty of town and surrounding areas	6
5	Arrest/reverse creeping blight on Main Street	8*
6	More cohesive plan for promoting the whole area	3
7	Make more user-friendly (i.e. sidewalks)	6*
8	Community beautification projects	0
9	Increase community involvement	1
10	More guidelines for property owners	0
11	Beautification committee	3
12	Connecting Visitors Center with town both physically and through marketing/better information	4
13	Water supply issues corrected	8*
14	Connection between existing businesses while maintaining architecture	2
Group 3 Responses		# of Votes
1	Running the trolley in town as public transportation option	2
2	Utilize eminent domain	0
3	More small local businesses along Main Street	6*
4	Higher standards in appearance	1

Group 3 Responses continued		# of Votes
5	Design guidelines for a cohesive Main Street	4
6	Rental property guidelines to prevent aesthetic deterioration	5
7	Enforcement of building codes	1
8	Increase in law enforcement	6*
9	More supportive Council	1
10	Streetscape improvements	7*
11	Traffic calming	5

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